

ed for freedom, and whose presence could not

all to prov a painful apprehension if not a terror to the homes and families of all. You may, therefore, well judge of the alarm and condemnation with which the Union-loving citizens of Kentucky—the State with whose popular sentiment I am best acquainted—

The hope is earnestly indulged by them, as it is by myself, that this paper was issued under the pressure of a military necessity which Gen. Fremont believed justified the step, but that in the particulars specified it has not your approbation and will not be enforced in derogation of law. The magnitude of the task

I take and my sincere desire that by no misapprehension of your sentiments or purposes shall the power and fervor of the loyalty of Kentucky be at this moment abated or chilled, must be my apology for the frankness with which I have addressed you, and for the request I venture to make of an expression of your views upon the points of Gen. Fremont's proclamations.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your  
 obedient servant,  
 J. HOLT.  
 His Excellency, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, Presi-  
 dent of the United States.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Sept. 12, 1861.  
 THE HON JOSEPH HOLT: Dear Sir—Yours

of this day, in relation to the late proclamation of Gen. Fremont, is received. Yesterday I addressed a letter to him by mail on the same subject, and which is to be made public when he receives it. I herewith send you a copy of that letter, which, perhaps, shows my position as distinctly as any new one I could write. I will thank you not to make it public until Gen.

Fremont shall have had time to receive the original. Your obedient servant,  
A. LINCOLN.

**The First Munition Deeds Since the War.**  
**FREMONT'S PROCLAMATION.**  
HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE  
U. S. ARMY, St. Louis, Mo.

The Major-General Commanding the Western Department, having satisfactory evidence that Thomas L. Sneed, of the City and County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, has been taking active part with the enemies of the United States in the present insurrectionary movement against its Government; and the Military Commission now in session at St. Louis, Missouri, do hereby certify that the said Thomas L. Sneed is a traitor to the United States.

Members, now in session at the Arsenal in this city, having reported the fact to these headquarters as the result of its deliberations, the Major-General Commanding has executed and ordered to be published the following Deeds of Manumission:

DEED OF MANUMISSION.

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Sneed, of the City and

County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have been taking active part with the enemies of the United States, in the present insurrectionary movement against the Government of the United States; now, therefore, I, John Charles Fremont, Major-General Commanding the Western Department of the Army of the United States, by authority of law, and the power vested in me

me as such Commanding General, declare Frank Lewis, heretofore held to "service or labor" by said Thomas L. Snead, to be free and forever discharged from the bonds of servitude, giving him full rights and authority to have, use and control his own labor, or service, as to him may seem proper, without any accountability whatever to said Thomas L. Snead, or any one to

to testimony whereof, this act is done at the  
headquarters of the Western Department of the  
Army of the United States, in the City of  
Los Angeles, California, this 22nd day of  
January, 1944.

St. Louis, State of Missouri, on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1861, as is evidenced by the Departmental seal hereto affixed by my order.

J. C. FREMONT,  
Major-General Commanding

DEED OF MANUMISSION.

WHEREAS, THOMAS L. SNEAD, of the City and County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, has

been taking an active part with the enemies of the United States, in the present insurrectionary movement against the Government of the United States; now, therefore, I, John Charles Fremont, Major-General commanding the Western Department of the Army of the United States, by authority of law and the power vested in me, as such commanding General,

do hereby declare Hiram Reed, heretofore held to service for labor by Thomas L. Snead, to be free, and forever discharged from the bonds of servitude, giving him full right and authority to have, use and control his own labor or service, as to him may seem proper, without any accountability whatever to said Thomas L. Snead, or to any one to claim by, through, or under him.

And this Deed of Manumission shall be respected and treated by all persons, and in all Courts of Justice, as the full and complete evidence of the freedom of said Hiram Reed:

In testimony whereof, this act is done at the Headquarters of the Western Department of the Army of the United States, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on this 12th day of May, 1864.

1st September, A. D. 1861, as is evidenced by  
 the Departmental seal hereto affixed by my or-  
 der.  
**J. C. FREMONT,**  
 Major-General Commanding  
 Done at the office of the Provost-Marshal, in  
 the City of St. Louis, this 12th day of Septem-  
 ber, A. D. 1861, at nine o'clock in the evening  
 of said day.

Witness my hand and seal of office hereto  
 J. McKINSTRY,  
 Brigadier-General, Provost Marshal.

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